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Embassy may inform GOF as follows:

1. It continues be US policy that Jordan acquire supersonics from non-US western supplier. Thus, Jordanian purchase of Mirages would be compatible US interests.

2. US would have no objection in principle to offering HAWK missiles to Jordan if GOJ should decide request HAWKS in addition to purchase French supersonics. We not thinking in terms combined US/French package, however. Jordanians have so far indicated no serious interest in HAWKS and British did not include HAWKS in their approaches re purchase Lightnings. In any event HAWKS would only be sold when US assured (a) such purchase would not adversely affect Jordan's economic development and (b) Jordan would ~~xxxxxx~~ receive necessary funds from sources other than US.

3. As foregoing shows, we desire cooperation with France in ME and appreciate efforts made by Nanteuil and others to this end. Idea of including

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HAWKS resulted from UK thought that number of HAWKS might be substituted for expensive aircraft, thereby decreasing total cost of air defense package.

4. We ~~are~~ not aware Khammash has any plans for early US visit.

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